

Remarks

Claims 1-5 and 7-11 are pending. New Claims 7-11 are added in this Amendment.

Claims 1-5 were rejected under Section 102 and 103 as being anticipated by, or obvious over, Noyes (6364452). In the final Action, the Examiner stated that

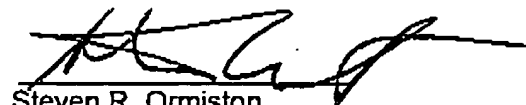
"[T]he process performed by the current invention may be different than what Noyes teaches. However, this difference is not apparent in the current claim wording since the claims do not recite/mention anything about the auto-selection. It is noted that the claims are completely silent as to who or what device is selecting the print media source based on the pre-selected toner density setting (claim 1) or the toner density setting based upon the pre-selected print media source setting (claim 4)." Office Action mailed 9/2/05, page 2.

In an effort to address the Examiner's concerns regarding the clarity and scope of the original claim wording, Claim 1 has been amended to recite "a printer controller ascertaining an operator-selected toner density setting" and "the printer controller automatically selecting a print media source based upon the operator-selected toner density setting." Similar amendments have been made to Claim 4. Support for the amendments may be found in the Specification at pages 3-4. Claims 2-3 and 5 have been amended consistent with their respective base claims.

The amended claims, which recite that the printer controller performs the acts of ascertaining and selecting and more clearly recite the so-called "auto-selection", are, therefore, felt to readily distinguish over the teachings of Noyes.

New Claims 7-11, directed to a printer controller configured to automatically recognize a selection of one of a plurality of settings for a first print job parameter and, in response to recognizing the selection of the first print job parameter setting, automatically select one of a plurality of settings for a second print job parameter, also distinguish patentably over Noyes.

Respectfully submitted,



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